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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Judy Shepard, who experienced a shattering loss when
2 her beloved son, Matthew, became the victim of a hate crime, is
3 bringing her message of acceptance and civil rights to The
4 University of Texas on April 21, 2003, when she makes an address at
5 the LBJ Auditorium; and

6 WHEREAS, The "Legacy of Matthew Shepard" national speaking
7 program keeps alive the memory of Matthew Shepard's gentle spirit
8 and the inevitable tragic consequences of ignorance and bigotry;
9 the noble and selfless work of Mrs. Shepard and the Matthew Shepard
10 Foundation aids victims of hate crimes or other forms of
11 discrimination in securing resources essential to obtaining needed
12 assistance; and

13 WHEREAS, The University of Texas is hosting the presentation
14 by Mrs. Shepard in furtherance of her mission to educate and replace
15 hate with understanding, acceptance, and compassion; and

16 WHEREAS, The unimaginable grief that ensues from the loss of
17 a child has moved this courageous woman to wage an implacable and
18 inspiring campaign to end the incomprehensible intolerance that
19 rends the lives of family and friends; and

20 WHEREAS, The efforts of Mrs. Shepard serve to remind us that
21 diversity must not divide us; rather, society must weave a glorious
22 quilt patterned by the unique and special attributes of our
23 humanity; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby honor Judy Shepard for her commitment to
2 educating the public on the important issue of human rights as she
3 helps to promote respect and dignity for all; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Mrs. Shepard as an expression of highest regard by the
6 Texas House of Representatives.